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## Letters to the Editor

### Editorial on Refugees O. K.

YOUR editorial castigation of the Cuban refugees, "Refugees Out of Hand" was justified. The refugees, as you stated, are guests of the U. S. They were not invited to Australia, Italy, Spain, or Sweden. They were given refuge in the U. S.

Considering our own high unemployment, they are lucky. Inciting to political riots should not be one of their privileges as our guests.

We must take with a grain of salt any protests by Cuban refugees within our borders. Many of them are former supporters of the dictator Batista. What do they have to offer in place of Castro? It is absurd to believe that they have a democratic government in mind. They have never known democracy. Even their religion has not been salted with the tears of democracy. They are tainted with the virus of totalitarianism that marks most of the Latin American countries.

Even prior to Batista, the sun-loving isle of Cuba was a haven for American gangsters, dope peddlers and assorted men of ill will. Is this what the refugees are going to restore? Had we helped Castro in the beginning we might not have had this disturbing island for a neighbor.

Also, why don't we direct the same sort of criticism towards Franco of Spain? He is a lackey of ours, but his government is the same as Castro's, and Spain is also on good relations with Cuba. What gives, or doesn't the CIA know?

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